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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT ASAD

REF: DAMASCUS 4291

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
PRESIDENT ASAD IN REPLY TO LATTER'S JULY 4 MESSAGE (REFTEL):

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU
FOR YOUR WARM AND MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE. SUCH A MESSAGE--COMING AS IT HAS FROM THE
LEADER OF A NATION WHICH CHERISHES ITS OWN HARD-WON
INDEPENDENCE WITH THE SAME SPIRIT AS WE DO OURS--IS DOUBLY
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APPRECIATED.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICI-
PATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND THAT EFFORTS TO BRING A JUST
AND LASTING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST WILL FIND SUCCESS.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJEC-
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